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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following amendment and respond as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.